



ARIJ Daily Report

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Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt

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The daily report highlights the violations behind Israeli home demolitions and demolition threats in the occupied Palestinian territory, the confiscation and razing of lands, the uprooting and destruction of fruit trees, the expansion of settlements and erection of outposts, the brutality of the Israeli Occupation Army, the Israeli settlers violence against Palestinian civilians and properties, the erection of checkpoints, the construction of the Israeli segregation wall and the issuance of military orders for the various Israeli purposes.

The Violations are based on reports provided by field workers and/or news sources.

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Brutality of the Israeli Occupation Army

- The Israeli soldiers invaded the office of the Palestinian Grassroots Anti-Apartheid Wall Campaign in Ramallah and confiscated all their files and computers after trashing the office. IMEMC (May 8, 2012).
- Clashes erupted between Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) and Palestinian citizens in Beit Ummer town north of Hebron city as more

than 20 Israeli soldiers raided the town from its main entrance and fired Gas and sound bombs at Palestinian citizens who demonstrated in solidarity with Palestinian prisoners who are on hunger strike in the Israeli Jails. Safa (May 8, 2012).

- Clashes erupted between Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) and Palestinian citizens in Al 'Arroub Refugee camp north of Hebron city as the IOA suppressed a peaceful demonstration held by schools' students in solidarity with Palestinian prisoners who are on hunger strike in the Israeli Jails. A number of Palestinian students suffered from Gas Inhalation. Safa (May 8, 2012).

Israeli Arrests

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Citizen Muhammad Rasool Muhamad Taha Abu Snenieh and took him to unknown destination. Wafa (May 8, 2012).
- Israel's Supreme Court turned down an appeal to free two Palestinians from administrative detention who have been on hunger strike for nearly 70 days. But in its decision, released by the Justice Ministry, the court said security authorities should consider freeing them for medical reasons. Administrative detainees Bilal Diab, 27, from Jenin, and Thaer Halahla, 33, from Hebron are in a dangerous condition after refusing food since Feb. 29. Both are in administrative detention and have not been charged. IMEMC (May 8, 2012).
- The The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Citizen Jaber Mahmoud Jaber Al Rjoub (22 years) from Al Koum village west of Hebron Governorate after raiding his family house, beating him and messing with house contents. Al Rjoub was taken to an unknown destination.

Home Demolition & Demolition threats

The Israeli Supreme Court issued an order that forces citizen Ghazi Zallum from the Old city of Jerusalem to evacuate his house for Israeli Settlers who claim ownership of the house. The Order also included the evacuation of a store owned by Isma'il wazwaz in Al Qarmi neighborhood in the old city of Jerusalem under the pretext that both structures are "Old Jewish Properties". The Court also requested citizens Zallum and Wazwaz to pay all court costs and attorney fees. It is worth mentioning that settlers also filed a lawsuit against Azzam Al Sharbati and Shaker Abu Assab to evacuate their houses under the pretext of "Jewish property". Wafa (May 8, 2012).

Confiscation & Razing of lands

- More than 150 Israeli soldiers raided the western area of Beit Ula town ('Atous) in Hebron Governorate and accompanied by Israeli bulldozers, razed 15 dunums owned by citizen Fayeze Muhammad Abdel Ghani Al 'Amla, demolished stone walls in the land, uprooted all the trees planted in the land and confiscated all existing irrigation equipments. The IO bulldozers also razed 4 dunums of lands owned by citizen Hasan Muhammad Abdel Ghani Al 'Amla and demolished an artesian well as well. The Israeli Army confiscated more than 400 Olive and almond trees after uprooting them from both lands. The Israeli razing process was done under the pretext that the lands are classified as "State Lands". Wafa & Safa (May 8, 2012)

Others

- Rejecting a state appeal, the High Court of Justice ordered the demolition of illegally-built structures in the Ulpana neighborhood. The ruling came after the state appealed to the High Court, requesting it reconsider its ruling to evacuate the Ulpana neighborhood, part of the West Bank settlement of Beit El, and tear down the structures there, which were built on private Palestinian land. That day, the state cited the difficult ramifications an evacuation is likely to have for Beit El residents. [Haaretz](#) (May 8, 2012)
- Settlers of the Ulpana neighborhood in the West Bank settlement of Beit El said that they would not negotiate their evacuation and that it was up to the state to solve their problem, after Israel's High Court ordered the demolition of the outpost go forward. The state had appealed to the High Court on Friday, requesting it reconsider its decision to evacuate and demolish the illegally-built structures of the Ulpana neighborhood, which were built on private Palestinian land, citing the difficult ramifications an evacuation is likely to have for Beit El residents. The settlers were stunned by the High Court's decision, saying they did not expect it would get involved in the affair. They thought the courts would postpone the demolition for two months, as they did for two other Beit El outposts last week. [Haaretz](#) (May 8, 2012)
- The Knesset must quickly advance a law to bypass the Supreme Court and approve the West Bank outpost of Ulpana, a senior Likud MK said

- following the High Court of Justice's rejection of a state bid to forestall Ulpana's demolition. [Haaretz](#) (May 8, 2012)
- Undercover Israeli forces threw stones at Israeli soldiers during a protest in the West Bank village of Bil'in. Several officers in Israel's Masada force -- a unit in Israel's Prison Service -- testified in the trial of MK Mohammad Barakeh, who is accused of assaulting a border guard in Bil'in. [Maannews](#) (May 8, 2012).
 - Right wing politicians called on Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu to support Knesset legislation that could prevent the court ordered demolition of five stone structures in the Ulpana outpost, which house 30 families. "The state has a moral responsibility toward the residents that it encouraged and sent to live there," said Culture and Sports Minister Limor Livnat (Likud). She and other parliamentarians spoke out after the High Court of Justice rejected a state request to re-open the case against the Ulpana homes and to allow it 60 days to reassess its outpost policy. Instead it mandated that the homes must come down by July 1. "This is the wrong decision and it is one that the public can not live with," said Transportation Minister Yisrael Katz (Likud). "The government must quickly enact legislation that will prevent the home demolitions and allow the Ulpana residents to stay in their homes," said Katz. Interior Minister Eli Yishai (Shas) added that his party would support such legislation. [JPost](#) (May 8, 2012)
 - The Knesset House Committee put agenda for second and third reading the "bill to encourage settlements." The controversial bill - proposed by coalition chairman Ze'ev Elkin (Likud) and MK Tzion Pinyan (Likud) - allows for a 35% tax exemption for pro-settlement donations. The bill amends the list of nonprofits whose donors can receive the exemption by, including groups and institutions that "encourage settlement," Elkin noted that the language in the bill is broad and does not specify any specific region of the country. He added that in proposing the bill, he had wanted to help Jewish development in the Negev and the Galilee. It could also be applied to Beduin villages, he said. Elkin said he is pleased the government decided to encourage such activity in the Negev and Galilee, and recognizes that it is as important as cultural or religious organizations. [JPost](#) (May 8, 2012).